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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/690,844	NAG ET AL.
	Examiner Samuel A. Barts	Art Unit 1621

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,2,4-7,9,10,14-18 and 24-42 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1,2,4-7,9,10 and 14-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 34 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 24-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 30-33 and 35-42 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicants have amended the claims to distinguish them from the prior art rejection over Fisnerova et al. The rejection is hereby withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 30-33 and 35-42 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
3. Claim 34 is allowed.

Claim Objections

4. Claim1 is objected to because of the following informalities: The first phrase "R₅ and R₆ together may be joined to form methylenedioxy or ethylenedioxy" appears to be out of place. Please note that the same phrase appears after defining the variables R₅ and R₆. Appropriate correction is required.
- 5.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

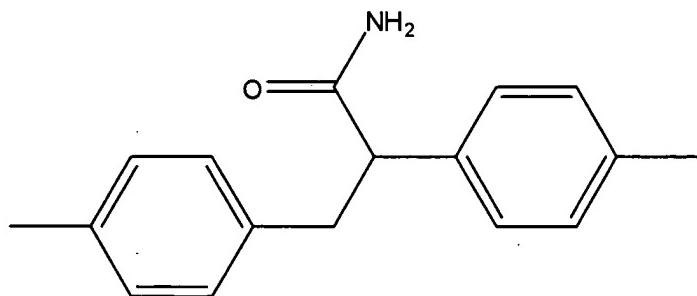
6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

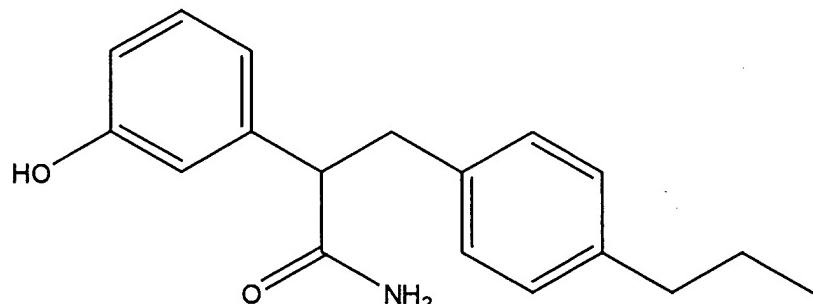
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 24-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Masuko et al (US 4,536,599).

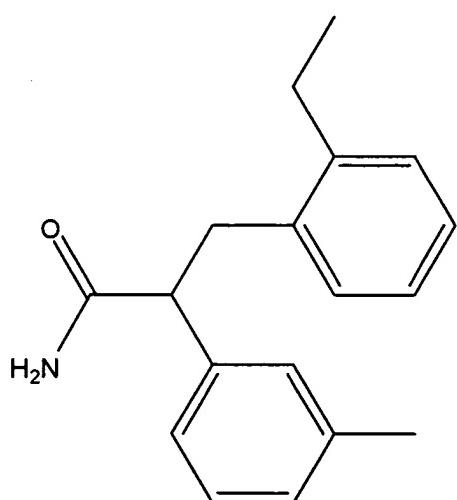
Masuko et al disclosed the following compounds:



Benzenepropanamide, 4-methyl-.alpha.-(4-methylphenyl)-



Benzenepropanamide, .alpha.-.(3-hydroxyphenyl)-4-propyl-



Benzenepropanamide, 2-ethyl-.alpha.-.(3-methylphenyl)-

The compounds anticipate the claims when:

a) A= CONR'R'', R'=R''=H, R₁=C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, R₂=R₃=R₅=R₆=H, R₄= C₁-C₂₀ alkyl.

AND

b) A= CONR'R'', R'=R''=H, R₁=C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, R₂=R₃=R₅=R₆=H, R₄= OH.

Status of Claims

8. Claims 24-29 are rejected.

Claims 30-33 and 35-42 are objected.

Claim 34 is allowed

Claims 1-18 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to the non-elected invention.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samuel A. Barts whose telephone number is 571-272-2870. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached on 571-272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Art Unit 1621
